

## ASTERIAS TOREUMA.

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### CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Corpus* depresso, subtus sulcatum; *crusta* coriacea tentaculis muricata.

*Os centrale* quinquevalve.

*Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel.* p. 3160.

### CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

ASTERIAS granulata, radiis quinque obtusis  
margin'e articulato-tuberculatis.

*Stella marina Artocreas.*

*Seb. 3. t. 6. f. 5—10.*

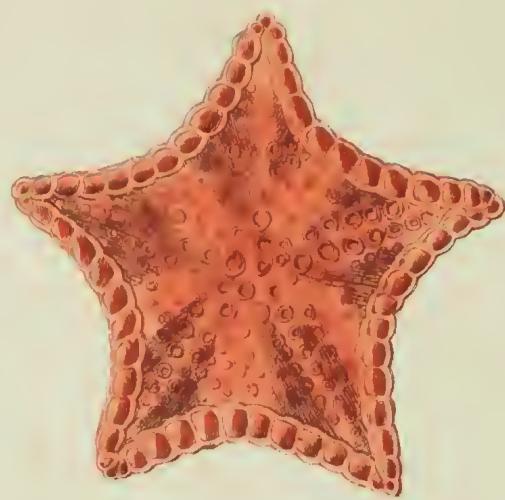
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Asteriarum omnium quas adhuc novimus nulla  
videtur magis esse coelata et quasi artificis manu e  
ligno elaborata, quam illa quæ in tabula ostenditur.  
In maribus Indicis generatur, diversa magnitudine,  
diametro interdum unciali, interdum sexunciali.  
Color rubeo-pallet, subtus flavescent seu fere albi-  
cans.







## CARVED ASTERIAS.



### GENERIC CHARACTER.

*Body* depressed, coriaceous, roughened with small tentacula above.

*Mouth* beneath, central, quinquevalvular.

### SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Granulated ASTERIAS, with five obtuse rays articulated with tubercles on the margin.

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Of all the Asteriæ yet known, the present is one which has most the aspect of an elaborate artificial composition; appearing as if curiously carved on wood. It is a native of the Indian seas, and is found of various sizes, from an inch to six inches in diameter. Its colour is pale red, yellowish or whitish beneath.